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President: **Mr. A. Stephen Kingsley.**

Distinguished Chief Guest, Respected Principal, Members of the faculty, Ladies and Gentlemen,

May I at the outset, express my profound thanks to all the members of the union for having elected me as their president for the year 1962–'63. I hope, I shall conform to the high standard established by my predecessors. I sincerely wish that, you will co-operate with one and the other union officials in every aspect in making this year a success.

Your Excellency, we are doubly happy indeed, to have you in our midst this evening. I take this opportunity to extend to you, sir, a hearty welcome and our heartfelt greetings on your 69th birthday, in this occasion, on behalf of the students' union and on my own behalf. I am aware sir, of the magnificent services you have rendered for the cause of uplifting labour. One can never forget, the noble deeds which speak of you, even to-day, as standing monuments in the annals of the Indian History. Thus you are held in high esteem by the people of India.

I also take this opportunity of extending to one and all of the other guests, who have kindly responded to our invitation, a very hearty welcome.

General union council has been constituted for the year 1962-'63 with the following members as the office bearers.

Messrs : A. Stephen Kingsley (that is myself)
Final year - President.

„ N. Munisamy IVth year -
Vice-President.

„ S. Sundaram IIIrd year -
General Secretary.

„ T. A. Elengo IInd year -
Joint Secretary.

„ T. M. Balasubramaniam -
Member of Staff Treasures

The remaining eleven officials comprise the various class representatives.

Before proceeding to the next item of the programme, I request the principal to welcome once again our distinguished chief guest, His Excellency, the Governor of Kerala.

Thanking you.

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Government College of Technology

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Principal, Government College of Technology, Coimbatore.

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It is lucky for us, Sir, that you are with us to-day on your birthday, lucky because it has given us an opportunity to felicitate you in person. I wish you Sir, a happy birth-day and wish you many more happy returns of the day so that your valuable services will continue to be available to the country. Once again Sir, (cheers) on behalf of the students and the staff and on my own behalf I pray to the deity it may be given.

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Mr. President, Respected Principal, Esteemed G. D. Naidu Garu, Mrs. Murari, Comrades, Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen.

I consider it a pleasure, privilege and honour to be present here this after-noon to address my young Comrades who are the students of the Engineering college. In the first instance I am grateful to them for remembering something about my birthday and I reciprocate their sentiments.

I am very glad to see that the students of this college are not puny looking. They seem to be well developed. I found in some other colleges, people will not be able to lift a little thing and yet they will pretend to become engineers. I do not believe in puny people coming into existence and claimin to be engineers. I am 69 to-day but I still play two or three sets of tennis and I am absolutely certain that not one of you here can compete with me in a walking race. (applause.) Many bigger people have tried to walk along with me but they have failed. So, I want able men who are engineers and

they must have the strength apart from the brains to use their talents in lifting up not only weights but in doing extraordinary work as engineers. We are grateful and I am glad the esteemed Principal has mentioned that if we are assembled here, in such a large number it is entirely due to the foresightedness, imagination trust and wisdom of one of the biggest and noblest citizens not only Coimbatore but our land Mr. G. D. Naidu (cheers.) He has that initiative which he alone can claim among many others and the other fact is that he can get things done and he will not rest content till the thing is done. That capacity many of our Statesmen, Ministers and leaders do not possess.

Unless we are in a position not merely making speeches but put those speeches into effect in a concrete shape, in building up our institution there is no future for this country. He got this college within the course of 20 days by his tact. To-day many of us will take most probably twenty years before a college of this sort could be brought into existence. Red-tape, all kinds of delays are writ large on the walls of all our institutions and that is why we are not able to industrialize our country in the way in which we should have done. There must be some co-ordinators, to-day there is

a Minister called Minister for co-ordination. He must see where the loop hole lies. He must see where the gaps lie and he must be the person who can direct and get things done to see that the gaps are filled in no time. That is why many of the ventures in this country to-day are failing. It is a great idea to have conceived these industrial estates, huge buildings, in each state twenty, thirty industrial estates. I had the honour of visiting most of the industrial estates in the country as a whole. But the complaint there is beautiful buildings, beautiful halls for which the man pays 150 or 250 rent – if he has raw materials, he has no power. If he has power he has no raw materials. Something is wanting which results in a spirit of stagnation. I do not wish or care for those buildings which produce nothing. I would rather like Cottages but having machines and power necessary to produce results. These are the greatest defects which our ministers concerned must look in and I am sorry they have not yet been successful in looking to these loop holes so that the industrial estates may run in a proper manner. I remember when I was Minister for Industries, Commerce, Co-operation and all kinds of Portfolios, when I was Minister twice at the Government of Madras, I once, came to Coimbatore in '46. I think, Mr. Naidu was the Principal of the

Polytechnic. He told me it is a waste of time that this course should extend for 3 or $3\frac{1}{2}$ years. I don't remember exactly and he said "Unless you are prepared to take the college in both hands and reduce this Course, – Diploma Course – for two years, I refuse to be a Principal." I knew, Mr. Naidu, what he says, he does not say just like an ordinary man who talks a great deal like myself on platforms but he is a thinker and an actor and he said, "Unless you make it two years, it is unnecessary to have this course for three years, reduce it at once. Then I shall do." I took courage went home to Madras and immediately passed orders and it was done and in two years they were as proficient as they would be in three years, most probably more proficient.

The other thing about which we have to learn so far as engineering institutions are concerned that engineers must be first practical workers, then engineers, not engineers and then practical workers. It will be something like our fashionable ladies engaged in cooking with a book before them (laughter.) and begin to mix this and that with that (laughter) and you know what the effect of that is? No body could eat. That is the result of it. (laughter.) So it is highly necessary that you must be able to take off your coat and make the workmen understand

that he had to do a work in a certain way. The workmen will have respect only for engineers who will be able to explain to them and supposing the workmen go on strike the engineer must be in a position to discharge all the duties of the workmen and the engineer. Then the workmen will have a great respect for the engineer.

I tried this experiment with my two sons who are to-day well qualified engineers. One is a Diesel Engineer and the other is an Automobile Engineer. I told them the moment they passed their Cambridge Senior "It doesn't matter. You don't go and join some wonderful college, Engineering college. But to one son I said, "Go to the union workshop and try to do the work of a coolie, of a fitter, of a latheman. Learn also all these things first and I also told the next one to join the Leylands. I told the Leyland's people to treat him like an ordinary unskilled worker. Search his pocket also because people have said that, some people take away things. (Laughter). I told them, I don't mind. Let them not think that they are the sons of a minister or any thing of the kind. I don't want it" and they have learnt everything they could do, learnt having initiative and drive. Then I sent them to England for training in other field in Leylands, Perkins, Fords etc. and

to-day they are finished engineers. They have taken diplomas and they have started most probably on thousand rupees instead of a two hundred and yet they have the confidence that they are engineers, and have the confidence that they have the initiative and drive. It is a very good thing that our engineering colleges are doing great work and producing great results. This decade is a decade, which is a paradise of engineers. You need not be afraid that you will not get a post. You will get it.

But what I would like to tell you is, put more emphasis on the practical training. You should become both an unskilled and a skilled worker, knowing everything from end to end, take off your coat and be ready to do any work that is given. In the West I have been informed by many of those responsible in various workshops and engineering colleges that our youngmen would hesitate to take the coat off and begin tackling a machine. They rather feel that they are the white collared men who feel it is an infra-dig to do that kind of work which a coolie or a fitter does. It may be an exaggeration. But I would like to tell you and I would like to emphasize the fact that you must become good workmen, become good engineers. Clearly it can be learnt by a practical man better than a

theoretical man. You should emphazise on the theory but you should more emphazise on the practical side of things and I tell you, you will become finished engineers. There is no question about it. There is no doubt about it. So far as intelligence is concerned, we can beat any other nation in the world. But you must be brave enough to look to the practical side of things and become practical engineers.

In these days you have to deal in a factory, - big factories with all kinds of workmen. So, you are not only a mechanical, electrical or a civil engineer but also a social engineer dealing with humanity, dealing with industrial relations. Unless you learn to be tactful, to be graceful and to be kind to those under dogs who work in these big workshops, you will be failures as engineers inspite of your practical and theoretical knowledge in engineering. Therefore that side viz. the industrial relation side also you must try to understand and try to treat human beings as human beings with human feelings. Then you will get the praise and the appreciation of all those who work under you and they will assist and co-operate with you in such a manner that they will secure great name and fame for you and even where you fail to do certain things, they will fill up the

gap and see with their practical wisdom, that things are done in a proper manner.

Another fact I would like to say. For instance say we have produced a first rate engineer. Practical wisdom, theoretical knowledge and ready to take up any work that is given to him as an engineer. That is not enough. You have to build your individual character, your discipline and unless you do so you will not be respected. I know of cases say half-a-century ago, an engineer dealing with logs, water supply and all that. They will become lakhiers. They will take money from others for giving water and so forth. But those days are gone. To-day I know that our young men have learnt the wisdom of straight forwardness and honesty and I would like everyone of you to see that you would be honest, straight forward engineers with character and discipline.

Take for instance English people. They have lost their colonies. They have lost their empire. They have lost every thing that was valuable and profitable to them. They are almost a fourth rate nation to-day but still they have got the status and they are appreciated. They are duly respected in the councils of International Forums. It is because they have a sense of

character sense of dignity, national character, national dignity which is a result of individual character and individual dignity. They generally do not tell lies. They are not light hearted. It may be in the interest of the country they may lie but at the same time, man to man, in private affairs, if they say yes, it is yes. If they say no, it is no. They believe in a gentleman's agreement. Once an agreement is reached, they will stick to it like leeches and stand by it. Therefore the Englishman is respected more than any other nation in the world and to-day, even in International conferences, they are heard with respect and attention and they have claimed a good deal of success in their dealings internationally.

Now in our country sometimes, a big strike occurs and the son is managing the affairs and the son comes to an agreement. Next day, some times the agreement is broken because he would come and say "What can I do? My father doesn't agree". That is wrong. Not that I say that everybody does that, but we have to build a national character and integrity. Not only you, but all our young men and women must do the same and if we can do so we shall not only make a name for ourselves but our engineers will be respected thro' out

the world on account of their superior knowledge and wisdom.

On the irrigation side most probably on the power side we have already established a reputation and our engineers are wanted everywhere to teach others. As regards big dams, constructions ect. which side we have mastered, Engineers are not only to be mere engineers but they are really planners. They must have knowledge apart from the engineers' side, many of the aspects of the general planning in our country, because you are technically well versed and therefere you could criticise a plan, make out a plan and build the country of ours. I do want many of our engineers to think of rural Engineering, College Industries Engineering, small-scale industries engineering. There is a great feeling people would generally like to live in cities and have all the happiness of the city life. But the time is coming when Engineers will have to go deep into the villages and try to build up Small Scale Engineering, so that unemployment in our country can be eradicated only through that way. No doubt you will be mostly concerned with big projects, big factories, but you must remember that to-day with modern methods fewer men and fewer women are employed in very big factories.

It is only therefore the rural industries and small-scale Industries alone will be able to feed the millions of our countrymen and women and I do hope and trust, I really want to see some women students in this Engineering College. I do not find them. I think in this matter, Kerala sets the pace and the number of Engineering students 40 to 50 in some of these colleges, I have seen and they are getting on very well. At any rate if we have women Engineers, they might be induced to go into the villages and try to build up the Engineering side in the rural parts of our country. Women are persistant, industrious, not so much in my view, the men. They have too many sided activities and I feel that a number of women joining the Engineering College will be able to produce some good results along with men Engineers.

I want you therefore to feel that character and discipline should be the basis of all your training and it will pay you in the long run. You will be able to produce better results. You will have the satisfaction of satisfying your conscience and I would like you to give a thought to what I have stated. Apart from it in India to-day fissiparous tendencies are growing, sectionalism, parochialism, racialism and all these 'Isms' which will break our country to pieces.

That is a warning to everyone of you. You are the future leaders, statesmen, ministers of to-morrow. We are a passing generation. However much you may like, you may not live for many years. We have done our part. We have sacrificed a lot of our comforts in order to secure political Swaraj, but unless you are able to take our places valiantly especially when there is not much sacrifice, that is intended of a few, except to build the foundations that we have laid. We will not ask you to go to Jails. We will not ask you to give up your schools, colleges or professions. But we want you to build on the political structure that we have founded, the economic structure for the nation, so that you will be in a position to assure everyone in the country, that he can have three square meals a day, a house to live in and enough clothes to wear. If you fail to discharge your duties properly in this direction for securing economic Swaraj the future generation will curse you. If you perform your duties in a straight forward, honest and patriotic manner, the future generation will bless you. It is in the interest of your children your grand children and the great grand children that you have to perform this duty. We have performed the duty of securing political Independence for the country. Without political Independence nothing can be done.

The vested interests of the foreigners of the foreign nation that ruled us prevailed over our own particular interest and therefore whatever plans we have laid, are only plans for the future India which is independant. Therefore it was when we decided planning in the year 1937, we came to the conclusion that no planning in India was possible unless India secures political independance and therefore under the leadership of the father of the nation we fought valiently, many lost their lives, many lost their freedom and liberty to secure the great property that the nation required in getting political emancipation.

But to-day our ranks are devided. We believe in doing not much work. We will only be glad if others do work and get before us the result so that we can enjoy. It is not a practiced proposition. Nothing we can secure without sincere, and hard industrious work. Our nation thinks always in crores, in big buildings and so on. They cannot think in a small way. Unless you think in a small way, we cannot really build the economic structure of our country.

I was closely following the work that is being done by Mr. Naidu atleast in the last 30 years. Being a practical person, he thinks not of the big graduates of engineering but he thinks of the failed S. S. L. C.

candidates. And sometimes people who have not much knowledge will become better practical workers than those who have knowledge, theoretical. I know he advertised recently for failed S. S. L. C. candidates for being trained in some art of engineering and most of them have finished their course in a month or two and they are earning 150 to 200. When you have finished five years course, God alone knows with what you will start. But it is a very good idea. But very few think in that way. We only think of the finished products. Not of those who have got the fortune or misfortune of being in a position whereas failed S. S. L. Cs' they would not get even the post of a peon in these days and some of those must be trained in order to enhance the technical know-how as well as Engineering side of things. You must have skilled, semi-skilled workers well trained as fitters, as lathemen and so on and this band of tens of thousands of failed S. S. L. C. candidates if they are manned in a proper manner, will be able to give them the wherewithal by which they not only serve themselves and their families but will be in a position to serve big industrial undertakings and our country.

I would like to lay emphasis on Character. I would like to lay emphasis

on unity. Let us not remember caste or creed or colour or race. We are all human beings born with the same colour, born with the same ideas, same imagination. We come into this world and go out of this world in an equal degree in an equal manner. Therefore we must eschew the idea of caste, colour or creed or that we belong to this part or we belong to that part. Therefore I want you to consider this as the basis for the reconstruction of our Country and the reconstruction of your lines. You must feel proud that you are Indians first, Indians last, Indians always before you think of belonging to this community or that community or that race and so on. Unless this sectional spirit dies out completely, there is no hope for this Country. I am surprised. I should not criticize Government. I am surprised.

If I begin to insist on your Tamil medium only in joining colleges, what about your fate if you want to take a post in the North? They don't understand your Tamil, you don't understand them. You may lose the opportunity of having a bigger field of employment. I do feel from the point of view of language question, we should be proud of our regional language and try to make it a perfect thing. I know most of you are orators in Tamil. Many

outside people who speak Tamil are wonderful orators. They should encourage. They should insist in knowing their regional language. But do not neglect the English language. Do not neglect the Hindi language. These three languages our children can easily imbibe, easily learn and if they understand that unless they know these three languages, there is no future for them in their families and if they are taught to learn these things from the very beginning, they will become perfect masters. We have a sense of language. We try to learn any language with ease and comfort and in fact many Indians speak better English than Englishmen. I want you therefore to have no bias against this language or that language. For international purposes, for international discussions, English is the best language which is understood throughout the world.

As regards your regional language, you should insist that even Government should run through regional languages. But if you want to get out to other parts of India, better you learn Hindi also and when you want to go out of the Country, English is most essential. Therefore let us realize the importance of these languages and do not learn to have a bias so far as languages are concerned.

I know many young men who, to please the gallery shun English. They tell people, "we shall have nothing to do with this foreign language." I know of cases where young men like you who, when you finish your graduation would like to marry a girl. To go to the house where the girl is, to see the girl whether she suits you and you suit her and I am absolutely certain while of course, outside you say English, we shall not have. It is a foreign language you would ask the nearest neighbour whether the girl knew English. (laughter.) That is, we speak with two tongues, with two minds. I know of many people – big people who send their children to convents and public schools, but tell others to send their children to Indian schools. (applause.) It is a wrong thing, we have to learn our defects, defects of our nature, we work with two tongues and two minds. That is wrong, we must be straightforward and honest. An English man will say 'yes' for yes and 'no' for no. We do not know whether you would say – no or yes or yes and no. Therefore my comrades these are little things, but better, you understand and digest the significances of all these, whether it is a language question whether it is a race question, whether it is a practical training that you should emphasise, all these are matters. If you understand the significance,

you will be able to build not only a future of yourselves, but of the country as a whole. Remember that a country is known by its people. When I was in England, I was an young man of 19 and 20, who was careful to see that I had a good character and who was careful also to see that our country is respected. Being a few people, even if one man misbehaved people there would say, "Oh, all the Indians are like this." Therefore build your character and rely on truth. Say straight your what you feel but in a tactful manner. Don't call a spade a spade. If another man is a fool, don't say, "you are a fool". But tell him, "you are not very wise, you must learn a little more." That is the art of diplomacy where you need not lie, but when you want to make the other man a better man is not by chastisement. It is by sympathy that you can show that you will be able to make others better men.

I therefore want you to have every night before you sleep, have a sense of retrospection and introspection, try to think what you have done the whole day. If you have done anything wrong, try to tell your own conscience that you should not repeat this the next day. Then you will be better men the next day and so every day of your life, if you have spirit of introspection and

retrospection, your sense of imagination will improve your sense of understanding and your desire to be straight and honest. That aspect also will improve. Therefore you feel proud that you belong to a great country, with great traditions. Keep up those traditions. Don't follow the bad traditions. Follow the good traditions here and follow the good traditions elsewhere so that you will be able to do justice to yourself and to the people in this country. Love your country. You will be faced with many difficulties in these days. You are faced with the Pakistan on one side and the Chinese on the other. The Chinese for whom we have sacrificed a lot to elevate them in the History of Nations but they have put their knives at our back, – most ungrateful people. But we cannot help it. We have always thought – I always thought when I was young if only China and India can become independant, they will keep the whole world at bay in the sense of seeing that every country is safe but unfortunately the Chinese did not realize what we have realized and understood about them and ourselves. To-day they are in the war path. Unless we are prepared, if necessary to do and die, stand united and save our land from exploitation by other nations, your so called independence, economic and political will

be lost. Therefore be united, be wise. Have a sense of character. Have a sense of dignity. Have a sense of unity and our country will be great (Cheers and applause).

Speech by

Sri Ramalingam, IV B. E., (Old) Civil.

Mr. President, distinguished chief guest, respected Principal, members of faculty and my dear friends,

It gives me great pleasure in proposing the toast to the respected and revered graduates and welcoming the beloved juniors who have stepped into this institution. Our esteemed graduates filled the premises of the new hostel with liveliness that sometimes borded on noise. A dense atmosphere prevailed all over the new hostel. We moved with each other like brothers and regarded them as enthusiastic engineers. We observed their quick movements in the mess but they came fifty minutes late in the fifty minutes class in the College. They stood first in all activities of our college and won fame from outside and commanded admiration within. Day in and day out, chatting about their courses in every aspect of life from miniature to future was the main duty and hobby of the three final years. Individually and collectively they went round and round to accumulate the fruits of knowledge from our college library up to the central library.

They had great thirst and anxiety to know things from the unknown. They have set up excellent records, as they said, in all fields of gymnastics, let alone their taste in phonographic records. Organization and co-operation were the best lessons we have learnt from them.

Really, I feel proud to have practical engineers as our assistant lecturers, especially in civil engineering department who remodelled the dam, of course according to the standard specification in the workshop premises which might not be known to the present juniors as it has been unfortunately damned, in putting up a beautiful garden. They struggled hard to get high honours. They aimed at the best and I hope they have got it. On behalf of final years, and on my own behalf I am honoured to have them as members of faculty in our midst and pray for their bright future in all walks of life.

Coming to juniors we were very eager about the fresh arrivals, our new, young, interesting friends, who staggered into the College on the 18th June, a memorable day in the academic year. At first they were annoyed and annointed by the seniors in the mild way of knowing their names and inclinations. They had a very good first

week and a little troublesome second week also. Thus they got warmed up and started the first year having hopes in their hearts. Unity in diversity is a notable character among them. The characters of timidity and humility received from them at the beginning are usually expected by us.

Though their growth is stunted, I believe that they will build up in health and strength in the years to come with the vitamanised menu of the hostel. At first they were frightened by the atmosphere prevailing here but now I hope they would have got acclamatized. I am very glad to feel that there are two or three graduates in the first year, whom I hope will be coming out with flying colours. I hope they will keep up the tradition of this institution by adding some more feathers to its crown.

On behalf of final years, I warmly welcome all the new comers with open arms.

Thank you all.

Speech by

Sri M. K. Kandaswamy

Honourable Chief Guest, Respected Principal, Members of the Faculty, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I, standing before you all as a representative of those who have been graduated through this institution last year, thank you all very much for the warmest welcome and kind reception that you have extended to us this evening on the happy occasion of the Inaugural function of the Students' Union and reception to the Graduates. At this happy juncture I am reminded of the pleasant day which I had with my beloved friends hailing from the nook and corner of our country. As I remember the fact as to how we are coming from different parts of the country say from Cape in South and Kashmir in the North were united. I really feel very grateful to our Alma Mater which had united us to such an extent for now in seperation we are reminded of each other.

We joined in the year 1952 and some of us were quite new to this isolated experience in Government College of Technology away from the regular town. The

ceremonial reception was extended to us by our seniors by the way of ragging which laid the foundation to come in closer contact with our beloved seniors. When we joined, this college was a miniature Santhinikedan because of the fact we had our classes under this hot zinc sheets.

Peeping through the windows we saw the present new main building and the new Hostel rising up for their foundations. It is no exaggeration if I would say that as the subjects of building materials and construction advanced stage by stage the main building also rose to its height giving us a practical knowledge of what we studied in the class rooms.

The buildings were completed and the opening ceremony came with full spirits. I am proud to say that all the students of this college mingled as one family and got up every arrangement for the function on a grand scale.

Our present President Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan opened the new building under the presidentship of Sri C. Subramaniam who in the same evening declared open the new Hostel which ended our two years experience in the old Hostel.

As it is correctly said "The old order should change yielding place to the new" our beloved Ex-Principal Sri N. S. Krishnaswamy retired from his long service leaving behind his ever lingering advices to the budding engineers. Where ever and whatever we may be in our life we will definitely be reminded of the kind parental advices of him. He was to suit Oliver Goldsmith's famous quotation.

"Unpractised he to fawn or seek for power by the dictrines fashioned to the varying hour". With tears rolling down our cheeks we saw our beloved Principal leaving his office.

To compensate this heavy loss came our revered Principal Sri P. R. Ramaswami. We can never forget the paternal advices given by our respected Principal in all our spheres of our engagement. We can never forget encouragement he gave to sports which is spoken of by many a player sent by our college to the various University teams. He is a model man of perfection adaptable to any situation and he is really a gem in all.

We have been moving in this institution as the members of one family with our beloved Principal as our father and our

dear staff members as our brothers and th marvellous, mighty, magnificent laboratories as our homes.

We are all very fortunate to have entered engineering college facing heavy competition and we are all trained to serve our country to our mite. As you are all aware an Engineer will be the first man to set foot on any land to make it suitable for inhabitation, Industrialisation and Illumination. How many of us will have to serve with many a hardship to face. But it is always written in Gold letters that

"The sweat of labour is sweeter
than the gift of fortune"

and

"Success often comes to those who
dase and act
And it seldom goes to the timid".

We have finished our first lap of life without any worries or cares. Now that we have taken responsible jobs or posts or have gone abroad for further studies we can no more be together as we were and hence we feel a fish out of water. But all the same we have entered the life and we should leave behind certain ideal footsteps to be followed.

Finally while concluding I would like to state with high pride that we are very much thankful to our "Alma Mater" to have given us various opportunities, to exhibit and extend our abilities for social work at every level in the functions of the college and also to have raised us to high position we are holding to-day. I thank one and all who would have been responsible for our joyous and delightful stay in Govt. College of Technology.

I have no hesitation to say that all the students of this college will try hard to prove their merits. At this happy occasion I wish the college union many more years of useful service to the student population.

I wish all the students of this college a long prosperous and bright future with high distinctions in the academic side to raise the fame and name of our beloved Alma Mater Government College of Technology.

Thank you.

Reply to the Toast
by
Sri K. R. Anand, Ist B. E.

Your Excellency, Respected Principal, Members of Faculty and beloved seniors.

We have had the good fortune of being initated into the mysteries of Hostel life by the senior students. When we joined the college, we were no better than timid school boys. Your welcome was boisterous as it was hearty you took the trouble of visiting our rooms at the inconvenient hour of midnight and solicitously enquired about our welfare. You were very anxious to guide us at every step. (Though of course the methods were all wrong). Your interest in our welfare can be compared with the interest taken by the lion in its victim. Long before the members of the staff began, the academic work, for us, you were good enough to shoulder the responsibility and teach us not only the elements of engineering but also norms and etiquettes that are to be observed in the college, as well as in the Dining Halls. With the anxiety you kept a constant watch over us never allow-

ing the juniors to be out of your sight. You took great pains to see that our gentle stomachs were not spoiled by over eating and hence you generously took considerable portion of our vituals. No parent has lavished such affection on his child.

Finally I take this opportunity to thank His Excellency Sri V. V. Giri who has so graciously consented to be in our midst to-day. My greatful thanks are due to the Principal and the members of faculty who have been guiding us, both in the academic and, extra curriculam field. No words can adequately express our feelings of joy and gratitude to our seniors who have by both words and deeds conditioned to become worthy students of this glorious institution.

Thank you all.

Vote of thanks by

General secretary **Sri S. sundaram,** B. Sc.

Distinguished Chief guest, respected Principal, Mr. G. D. Naidu members of the faculty and my dear friends,

Now we have come to the end of the function. We are indeed fortunate in having listened to a praiseworthy and instructive speech, given by His Excellency Sri. V. V. Giri. On behalf of our college union and on my personal behalf I owe my humble thanks to our distinguished chief guest for having accepted our invitation in the midst of his busy programme in our city.

I am extending my heart felt thanks to Mr. G. D. Naidu for having come here and graced the occasion with his presence. My special thanks are due to him for having made possible the visit of His Excellencey Sri. V. V. Giri to this college. My sincere thanks to all our guests for their presence on this function. I express my gratitude to all our college graduates for having responded to our invitation. My thanks also go to Mr. M. K. Kandasamy Asst. Lecturer in Survey and Mr. Anand of B. E. for having given a remarkable reply to the toast.

It is needlees to say that our Principal Mr. P. R. Ramasamy has given us his help and guidance for the success of this function. We are much indebted to him.

I am grateful to Prof. C. G. Swaminathan, and the staff members of Civil department for their co-operation in the stage arrangement. I am also grateful to Prof. Sulaiman and the staff members of Electrical department for arranging the mike and the excellent illumination. My sincere thanks also due to Prof. Achuthan Nair and the staff of Mechanical department for their various works.

Our thanks are all due to the officers of the N. C. C and N. C. C. R. for their guard of honour to the distinguished chief guest.

I express my sense of gratitude to the other staff members for their sincere co-operation. I thank all my colleagues for their unstinted co-operation in making the function a grand success.

Thank you all.

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